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Applicant: SHOJI SUZUKI ET AL.

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Title: DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM AND INFORMATION  
SYSTEM      **RECEIVED**

Customer No.: 23911      NOV 03 2003

Confirmation No.: 7664      Technology Center 2100

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**October 31, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, (Claims 1-22), without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the remaining claims.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/48110).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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